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11 Graduate from Fellowship Program Earning Nation's Highest Certification in Court Management

PHOENIX – Eleven court leaders from Arizona earned certification as a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management (ICM). The graduation ceremony took place on May 9 at the United States Supreme Court following a rigorous program of study and presentation of a research project. Arizona Fellows dominated the class with 11 representing the state out of a total class of 19.

The final step of the Fellows process includes a three-day master class held in Washington, DC, during which participants present and reflect upon the results of their court research and improvement projects. The Fellows program is the highest certification and most demanding program of court management offered by the National Center for State Courts. It is the only program of its kind in the United States. The first class of Fellows achieved certification in 1970.

“We are proud that Arizona is a leader in educating court managers,” said Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch. “Completing this program provides specialized training in court management that is not available anywhere else. Becoming an ICM Fellow signifies a deep commitment to the efficient, effective administration of justice through the courts.”

To become eligible to apply for a fellowship, applicants must have completed the Certified Court Manager process and the successor program, Certified Court Executive. Both of these programs demand rigorous study covering a broad array of topics including: caseload management; court

performance standards; managing financial resources; technology projects; court-community communication; strategic planning and more.



Individuals pictured are listed below, along with each Fellow's project topic (in italics):

Back row, from left to right

- Jane Carter, Pima County Justice Court, *Going Paperless in a Consolidated Limited Jurisdiction Court*
- Kathy Schaben, Superior Court in Yuma County, *Language Access in Rural Courts: Using Video Remote Interpreter Systems*
- Faye Guertin, Chandler Municipal Court, *Recruitment and Retention of Multigenerational Court Staff*
- Sharon Yates, Superior Court in Coconino County, *Analysis of Caseflow Management of DUIs in the Flagstaff Justice Court*
- Johnny Tse, Superior Court in Maricopa County, *Analysis of the Transition to a Paperless Initial Appearance Court in Maricopa County*
- Marla Randall, Superior Court in Navajo County, *Improving Public Access and Communications in the Navajo County Justice Courts*
- Alexis Allen, Tempe Municipal Court, *Best Practices: Identifying, Developing, and Using Meaningful Performance Measures*

Front row from left to right

- Nicole Zoe Garcia, Superior Court in Maricopa County, *Public Access to the Courts*
- Dyani Juarez, Casa Grande City Court, *Mental Health: Scratching the Surface in Limited Jurisdiction*
- Jessica Cortes, Flagstaff Municipal Court, *Comparative Analysis of Arrest Warrant Issuance and Enforcement*
- Debora Wells-Guevara, Office of the Clerk of Court for Superior Court in Maricopa County, *Development of an Electronic Juvenile Court*